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I want you to know that I agree with the many others among our colleagues who have expressed their appreciation of the exemplary manner in which you and performed your recent mission. We were all fully aware of the hazards but hoped you would escape unscathed. Since your luck was not quite that good, I am grateful it was no worse than our reports indicate. I realize, however, that it is not much fun woaring a cast in the steamy tropics. I hope that the break heals quickly and that you will be able to return soon to the duties you have been doing so well.

You are clearly entitled to be complimented on the professional skill and competence with which you have carried out your assignment under extremely difficult circumstances. I especially am pleased with the way in which you have obtained local support both professionally and logistically for a successful field job. This kind of work reflects credit not only on your own program but also on my Directorate and the Agency.

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I am truly sorry that you got banged up. In talking I find that in the many, many miles you and your co-workers have traveled that yours is the first serious accident. Let us hope it is the last.

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Please accept my personal thanks, for turning in an outstanding performance, and my best wishes.

Sincerely, Ray S. Cline

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